

From: Raewyn Bennett [mailto:raewynbennett@actrix.co.nz]
Sent: Tuesday, 23 November 2010 8:09 p.m.
To: Fiona Badenhorst
Subject: Re: Submission to the Local Government Review of Official information Legislation

Kia ora Fiona. Thank you for the congratulations. I don't know whether I am happy to be back in this role given the amount of submissions on the horizon!! Any way in response to your email: We wont put this out to other Councillors - there isn't the time and the issue is I think better handled by staff who receive and deal with these requests. However could you put out feelers to all the new Councillors on whether, time permitting, they want to be included on the submission advice list and outline to them the procedure we use. You may need to check with Mary-Anne and /or Cindy. But I would appreciate that information going out when you have time.

I can see that a lot of work has gone into this particular submission. Congratulations in not losing sight of the communities needs and rights. Very balanced submission, congrats to all. Kapai.

My comments:

1. Ref:

Question 3 & 4

Do you agree that State Owned Enterprises (SOE) and other crown entity companies should remain within the scope of the ..

I dont think the question has been answered.

2.Question 6

The Bay of Plenty regional Council

Capitalise "Regional"

3. Question 8

Strongly agree.

4. Question 96 and Question 97

Agree but with the proviso another bureacracy is not established which puts another layer of bureacracy for applicants and respondents to jump through.Emphasis should be on simplicity.

----- Original Message -----

From: [Fiona Badenhorst](#)

To: [*Councillor Bennett](#)

Sent: Monday, November 22, 2010 4:03 PM

Subject: Submission to the Local Government Review of Official information Legislation

Kia Ora Councillor Bennett, congratulations, and I am very pleased to be working with you again

Please find attached: Bay of Plenty regional Council's Draft Submission document for your approval/review.

Also let us know if you would like me to forward this submission on to any other councillors on your behalf, in the case that they may wish to add comment.

Submission to: Local Government Review of Official Information Legislation

Released by: *The Law Commission*

Summary:

The Law Commission has a project underway to review New Zealand's official information legislation. In December 2009 we asked both requesters and providers of information to let us know their main concerns with the operation of this legislation and in March 2010 we published a summary of the main findings from this survey.

We have now looked closely at the matters people drew to our attention and have published an Issues Paper, *The Public's Right to Know: Review of the Official Information 1982 and Parts 1-6 Of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987*. This paper discusses the main areas where reform may be required and asks for comment on our preliminary proposals. It can be downloaded from the Law Commission's online consultation site, www.lawcom.govt.nz. It is only available online.

Councillor Bennett: May we please have your approval/comments By: **25 November 2010**

The following links, provides more information: www.lawcom.govt.nz

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